

What is the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks '15 & Forward (15 + F) initiative?

- The '15 and Forward (15 + F) initiative is an evaluation of FWP's vision and goals, which will help to guide the agency for the next 10 years.
- To plan for the future and establish work priorities, FWP is asking if it is meeting the public's needs and what it can do to serve the public and resources better.
- The 15 + F initiative is inclusive of FWP's fish, wildlife, parks, and recreation programs and the different divisions of the department that support these programs.

Why now?

- It has been over 20 years since FWP last took a department-wide look at planning for the future and established its current *Vision for the 21st Century*. Montana has experienced some changes in its social, economic, and natural landscapes since then.
- 15 + F will help FWP understand today's needs and set a direction for the future that is most valuable and relevant to Montana's public and outdoor resources.

What are the projected outcomes?

- This vision update will provide the foundation on which FWP builds work plans, programs and services.
- 15 + F will guide how FWP does business based on public values, priorities, and expectations.
- The initiative will also set common direction for how FWP operates internally.

What's the process?

- FWP is relying on both staff and public input as it plans for the future.
- FWP established a 15 + F employee planning team to help guide the effort.
- Public input into the initiative is crucial so that FWP can assess if it is meeting public needs and expectations, understand how it can serve the public and resources better, identify issues and challenges for the future, and collect input on where the agency should focus over the next decade.

How can you engage with 15 + F?

- This summer, FWP is collecting input on public values, needs and priorities through a series of public listening sessions held statewide July 20-Aug 12, 2015. Anyone can also weigh in through Aug. 16 online at fwp.mt.gov.
- FWP will use public and staff input to draft its updated vision and goals beginning early this fall.
- More opportunities for public input and involvement will be offered later in the process—stay tuned.
- The vision update is expected to be complete by the end of 2015.